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Please send any pictures from events, etc. to my email below to be posted in the Courier.

If there are any subjects you would like for me to research for you and write an informative article, please let me know. It could be anything, verified, and un-biased – sources will always be credited. My background and interests include Nutrition, Graceful Aging, Health, Current Events, specific recipes and many other things. Send me an email or call me. I'd love to hear from you.

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Group Name: <u>Crystal Lake MHP Homeowners</u> Reminder: This Group is for Crystal Lake Residents ONLY!

See any HOA Board member for your invitation to join.

If any Block Captain needs assistance for any reason in delivering the Courier, please contact Violet and we'll make further arrangements to get them out in a timely way.

We are always grateful to our Block Captains who bring your copy of the Courier to your door every month. Block captains are also sometimes asked to hand out flyers and notices when needed. When you see them, please let them know that you appreciate what they do.

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If you are not currently receiving these messages, please call, email or text Kim (727) 320-7854 with your phone # so that we can keep you informed.

HOA NEWS



ONTHLY HOA MEETING – August 1, 2019 6:15 PM Our evening beings with Coffee & Snacks & time to mingle with our

6:45 PM – HOA Business Meeting and discussions.

If we have scheduled a speaker for that night, you will hear from that speaker at or around 7 p.m

FMO: FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS OF FLORIDA, INC.

That is the difference between "HOA" and "FMO"? HOA: The HOA is the local "governing body" of the community. It is a homeowners' association, created under Chapter 723, Florida Statutes, for the specific purpose of either purchasing the community on behalf of the residents and/or representing the community on behalf of disputes between management and the residents.

FMO: The FMO is the statewide organization that lobbies for and defends your rights as a mobile/manufactured homeowner in Florida. We assist in the training, and offer advice, for the HOA officers and directors in a community. The FMO does not assist with or interfere in the governing of the community. That is left up to the community HOA.

FMO needs your help. If FMO is to continue fighting for your rights and protecting your lifestyle, we must keep our membership numbers high. That is what gives FMO clout with legislators and other government officials.

TOGETHER WE MUST STAND

Now more than ever!



COMING UP THIS MONTH

Thursday August 1 – HOA Meeting

Saturday August 3 – HOA Farmer's Market

Saturday August 24 – Italian Themed Potluck

CRYSTAL LAKE HOA FARMER'S MARKET

n Saturday, August 3rd at 10 am, we plan to kick off our HOA Farmer's Market. We will have fresh, just-harvested fruits and vegetables for sale. We should have things like potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, corn, onions, beans, watermelon and other fruits & vegetables in season. Our goal is to bring fresh produce to our residents, many of whom find it difficult to shop outside of the park.

We are still trying to find a way to bring a food pantry back to the park somewhat like we had a few years back. We'll let you know if that can become a reality.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK BAR

ur menu has changed. It has been decided that a healthier menu would make for better choices.

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A lighter meal with less fried food is what we have in mind and I think you're going to like what we are planning for you. Please come and check out what we are doing different and let us know what additions you might like for us to try.

REMEMBER: The Friday Snack Bar is for EVERYONE! Not just bingo players...

The HOA invites you to come out and have dinner with your friends and neighbors. The Snack Bar is open on Fridays from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Our exciting new menu includes: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Breast, sandwiches, fruit, ice cream and much more,



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BINGO NEWS

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Another game is our SPEEDY BINGO. You have to be on your toes for this one because numbers are called fairly quickly, and no letters are given. But if you are a winner, the pot is always good.

You have to come a few minutes early to play these two games because our regular BINGO starts promptly at 7 p.m.

Closer to the end of the night, right before the cover-all game, we play PROGRESSIVE BINGO. This is where only a specified number of 'numbers' are called. If no one is able to call Bingo during that time, the 'pot' rolls over and is added to the next Progressive Bingo the following week. In the past, our pots have gown to many hundreds of dollars and a very happy Bingo(er) has gone home a lot richer.

So, if winning money, hanging out with good friends and sometimes laughing until you cry is the kind of entertainment you want, the CL Clubhouse is your place to be on Friday nights.

PARKING ON THE GRASS.

You're house-proud, so you have your friends over all the time. But if you let them park on the lawn (your house, your rules, right?), the vehicles will sink into the yard, compact the soil, and crush the grass.

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With so much miss-information on Social Media and on TV you don't know what to believe. Start early and get informed about the things you care about most. Decisions will be made soon that will directly affect our future. Make sure that you have a voice in your future and that of your children and grandchildren.



NOTABLE QUOTES

- ~A person's character is shown through their actions in life not where they sit on Sunday. Navonne Johns
- ~Not everyone likes me but not everyone matters
- ~Everybody has the power to make someone happy. Some do it by entering the room, while some do it by leaving.
- ~We cannot always control everything that happens to us in this life, but we can control how we respond.
 - L. Lionel Kendrick

Source: http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/trials.html

INTERESTING FACTS

hey used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot & then once a day it was taken & Sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor"

But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot. They "didn't have a pot to piss in" & were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell. Brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting Married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall





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The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor."

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence: a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They are mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would Sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small, and the local folks started running out of places to bury people.

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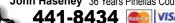






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So, they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So, they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the truth....Now, whoever said History was boring? Reposted from a previous Courier

COMMITTEES

ommittees are being formed to carry out some very important tasks.

<u>Welcome Committee</u> – Our Welcome committee went out last week and visited
5 new residents and gave them packets of information to keep for information and reference. It was fun! We have some very interesting and friendly new people living amongst us and look forward to getting to know them better. I can't wait to do this again.

<u>Sunshine Committee</u> – It's not always easy to know who is sick, in the hospital or in rehab or who has gone to a nursing home. We would love to have someone who knows "who's who" in the park or who can find out who might like for others to know what's going on with them. It would be so nice for someone to send a get-well card or even plan a visit to someone who might feel under the weather and alone or might need someone's help.

<u>Meals-on-Wheels</u> –We have been made aware of several people usually miss out on the awesome meals that are prepared for our potlucks. These friends and neighbors miss out on our events due to poor health or the inability to come to the Clubhouse to join in and share a meal. Our HOA routinely delivers meals to those who cannot be with us.

This small act of kindness makes us feel all warm and fuzzy inside and we love doing it.

If you know of anyone who could use this kindness, please let us know and we'll immediately add them to our list.

<u>Personal Shopper</u> – We know that some of our neighbors don't or can't get out for basic things like food, toiletries or cleaning supplies. If shopping is something you like to do, there are ways you can help and get some things for yourself at the same time.

<u>H.O.P.E.</u> (Helping Our People Excel) is the HOA-sponsored Neighbor's helping Neighbor's Committee. Our last day of helping was a great success and some of our most deserving neighbors received some very needed aid. We washed homes, trimmed trees and overgrown bushes, replaced blocks that had fallen around a home, pulled weeds and some other things that I've forgotten about and had it all done before noon. We worked, we laughed, we got sweaty and dirty and had a lot of fun doing it. When we were done working, we met back at



the clubhouse to cool off and eat lunch.

We are planning on having another day of helping in the Spring but would like to see more volunteers than just the 5 we had the last time. It would be so nice to see more men step up to help us ladies... Ron G. was the only guy to help last time. We need more! With more volunteers, we could help more of our friends clean up their homes (outside) and improve the appearance of our community.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers spend countless hours working on your behalf; this is why we are always requesting more help. And, this is why we need you.

When everybody does a little, it keeps others from having to do a lot. Spreading out our responsibilities makes things easier and a lot more fun for all.



Volunteers are always needed for all sorts of things! Some things can be done in 5 minutes, some things can be done at home, some things require a little more time and effort, but all things are very important.

The more Volunteers we have to help, the more fun things we will be able to do.

If you've signed up before and were never called, please, let us know, once again who you are! We'll be calling on you!

PET OWNERS & LOVERS

I'm writing this as a courtesy to people who have expressed to me (as the Editor of this publication). Please help us control the cat population and damage to plants, yards and gardens by following the rules of the park and keeping your cat's inside. Even though they might be spayed or neutered they still use gardens and yards for their toilets, yowl and fight at night and spray a terrible odor when marking their territories.

Also, concerns that I hear about dogs still have to do with people not picking up after their pets (even in their own yards) and not keeping their pets on a leash. Please be mindful that pet urine is very acidic and will kill grass. With Spring coming and people taking more time to clean up and beautify their yards and carports we can all help by taking better care to follow the rules.

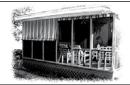
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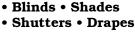
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